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MISSION SAN JOSE RESIDENTS SEEK SEWER ANNEXATION

Property owners of Mission San Jose this week instigated the second move in the current drive to determine the possibilities of that community annexing to the Irvington Sanitary District by filing for publication their petition to be presented to the members of the Irvington Board of Trustees.

The petition, which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue, will be presented to the sanitary board of Irvington Sanitary District on Jan. 14, 1947, at 8 p.m., at the regular meeting place in the Leal Building, Irvington.

AN OPEN MEETING

At the January meeting all persons interested in the proposed project are invited to appear and be heard.

The petition asks that the community of Mission San Jose be annexed to the Irvington sewage system and states that an election to determine the majority ruling on the project will be held in the near future.

The petition signers, 66 in number, are said to constitute 25 per cent of the freeholders residing in Mission San Jose.

MUST CALL ELECTION

If the petitioners receive permission from the board of trustees of Irvington to annex onto the sewage system there it will be necessary for them to call a special election for the issuance of bonds to meet the expense of laying the sewers throughout the community and to the Irvington lines for connection.

Members of the Irvington Board of Trustees who will meet with the petitioners are: Leonard Freitas, president; R. J. Wright, secretary, and Dr. J. H. Durham, William Rose and Ray Benbow.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB HAS YULE PARTY

A big turkey dinner and party was held last night at Parish Hall in Centerville by members and guests of the Alameda County Progressive Club.

Gifts were presented to the children by Santa Claus, and the Yuletide spirit prevailed during the entire evening.

Roy Gomes headed the committee of arrangements. He was assisted by Tony George, Al Caeton, Joe Caldeira, Frank George and Manuel Bernardo.

The club recently contributed $50 to the Hanna Center Fund.

Coming Events

FRIDAY—
- Schools close for the holidays.
- Decoto school play, afternoon.
- Christmas party at Niles Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Centerville school Yule party, 1 o'clock.
- Warm Springs school Christmas party, 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY—
- Installation of officers, Orient Chapter, O.E.S.
- Rebekah family turkey dinner party at I.O.O.F. Hall.
- Irvington free kiddies Christmas Show, 2 p.m., at theater.

SUNDAY—
- Christmas pageant at high school, afternoon.

MONDAY—
- Niles Girl Scout party at Scout House, 2 o'clock.
- Newark Presbyterian Church pageant, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY—
- Christmas party at Pacific States Steel, 12 noon.
- Niles, Decoto and Centerville free Christmas show for kiddies at theaters, 2 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ADD NEW GEAR

John Souza, chief of the newly organized Warm Springs fire department, reported this week that the department had cleared more than $500 on its whist party held at the school Friday evening.

The proceeds will be used to purchase raincoats, flashlights and other equpiment for the 15 men now serving as volunteer firemen in that community.

WARM SPRINGS C. OF C. OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

The first anniversary of the Warm Springs Chamber of Commerce was celebrated Thursday evening, Dec. 12, when members and guests of the organization met at Hidden Valley Inn for a dinner and report of accomplishments during the year since the club was activated.

James Nunes, principal of the Warm Springs Elementary School and president of the Chamber, presided over the meeting, introducing prominent guests and the speakers.

Leonard Baptist, secretary-treasurer of the organization, gave a report on the work that had been accomplished during the first year of its operation. Included in the accomplishments was the establishment of a fully equipped community fire department and a preliminary survey for the setting up of a sanitation district. He added that the proposed projects to be developed by the Chamber include plans to obtain use of the Hetch-Hetchy water system and the construction of a new highway to lead directly to the other side of the bay from the Warm Springs junction.

Other speakers on the evening's program included John Sousa, fire chief of the new Warm Springs department; A. T. Petsche, representing the Niles Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Stanley Ennis of San Jose, a new property owner in the community; and Mrs. Gladys Williamson, Mrs. Elizabeth Haskell Sloan and George H. Oakes, press representatives.

The meeting was concluded with a dance.

MARY A. CALDEIRA DIES AT ALVARADO

Mary A. Caldeira of Alvarado, widow of the late Frank Caldeira, died at her home Friday, Dec. 13, at the age of 65. She was a native of San Ramon, Calif.

A rosary service was held at the Sorensen Mortuary in Hayward on Monday evening, Dec. 16.

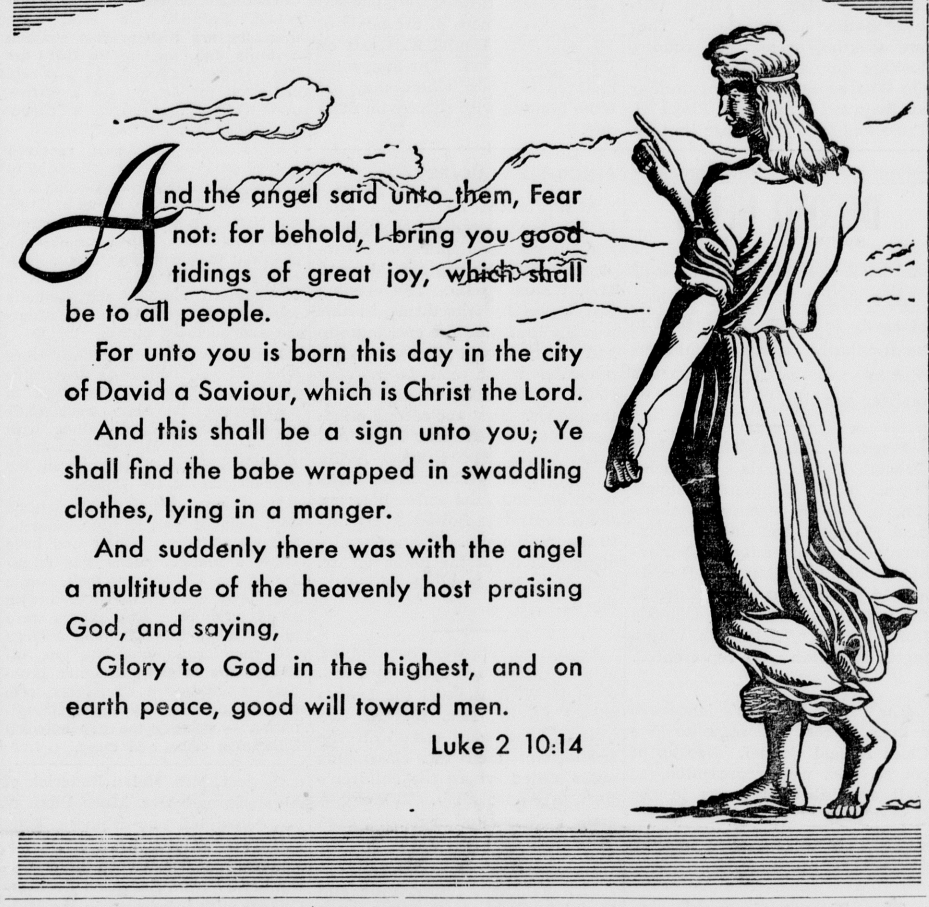
A requiem mass was said at Corpus Christi Church, Niles, Dec. 19, and the body was laid to rest in Holy Ghost Cemetery, Centerville.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Roderick, Alvarado, and Mrs. Mary Piazza, Los Altos; two brothers, Tony and George Bettencourt, Decoto, and a grandson, John Roderick III, Alvarado.

NEW S.P. AGENT IS TRANSFERRED HERE

K. P. Bruner of Ripon, Calif., assumed the duties of freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Lines at the Niles depot Friday, succeeding Harvey Braun, who was recently transferred to Oakland.

Bruner was formerly the agent at Waterford. He has been an employee of the S.P. for 25 years and served as agent at Alvarado from 1937 until 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner hope to establish residence here as soon as housing facilities can be located.


And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2 10:14

FREE YULE MOVIES FOR YOUNGSTERS

This Christmas season, as usual, the kiddies of Washington Township will be the guests of theater managers and clubs in their home communities at an afternoon of free movies.

Special programs of cartoons, comics and appropriate feature pictures will be presented for the pre-teen age youngsters.

The first free kiddie show to be held is scheduled at the Irvington Theater on Saturday, Dec. 21, beginning at 2 p.m., under the sponsorship of the theater management and the Irvington Improvement Club.

The annual theater Christmas party at Niles under the joint sponsorship of Bill Helm, theater owner, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held here on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. The party will include, in addition to the movie, a visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of candy and surprise gifts.

Tony Bautista, owner and manager of the Decoto Theater, has announced that he will play host to the youngsters of that community at a free movie on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

The Center Theater at Centerville has also announced a free showing for the kiddies on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 24.

DE GUADALUPE TO START STUDY GROUP

A study club, the object of which is to learn more about Catholicism and religious subjects, will be started in January by De Guadalupe, Y. L. I., it was announced this week.

Rev. T. Hennessy will be the leader of the group.

NEWARK CHURCH PAGEANT

Rev. Carl Soults, pastor of the Newark Presbyterian Church, announced this week that the children of the Church Sunday School will present a program and pageant Monday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30, at the church.

The pageant is entitled, "A Little Child," and is under the direction of Mrs. Fred Muller. All the children of the Church School will participate in the evening entertainment.

COMMUNITY CHEST MUST CONTINUE FUND CAMPAIGN

Belief that the Community Chest campaign drive for funds must be extended for still another week before the $6,150 quota can be met was expressed yesterday by the community chairmen in Washington Township.

The volunteer fund solicitors began work the first week in December with the hope of achieving their goal in one week's campaign but contributions of sufficient number and size failed to materialize

Edward Enos, Niles postmaster and general chairman of the drive, stated yesterday that the workers had volunteered to continue working until the needed funds are raised.

Arthur Belshaw of Centerville, executive secretary of the Washington Township Community Chest, reported yesterday that approximately $4,500 of the $6,150 quota had been turned in to him but expressed the belief that there might still be some of the solicitors who have not yet reported their receipts. He expressed some hope that the needed amount of money might be raised by the end of the week and the drive terminated.

Residents in the township that have not as yet been contacted by a worker are urged to call their community chairman and make their contributions for this worthy cause

Organizations that depend upon the receipts of the drive for their continuation include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, USO and Salvation Army.

BAKED HAM DINNER FOR IRVINGTON CHILDREN

A special treat was given to the Irvington school children Thursday in the form of a Christmas dinner, which consisted of baked ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, ginger-bread men, cookies and ice cream.

Mrs. Merrill Belding, cafeteria manager, was assisted in the preparation of the dinner by Mrs. Pauline Bettencourt and Mrs. Mary Bettencourt.

RELIGIOUS CLASS CHAIRMAN NAMED

At a recent meeting of the council of Washington Township release time religious education for Protestant children, Rev. Carl Soults, pastor of the Newark Presbyterian Church, was named chairman.

Rev. Soults will succeed Rev. Edward Groves Jr., pastor of the St. James Episcopal Church at Centerville, who will move the first of the year to San Jose.

Other officers named to the council were Mary Van Winkle, secretary, and L. M. Potts, treasurer. The remainder of the committee is composed of two members from each of the Protestant churches in the township.

Mrs. J. I. Chandler was retained as religious instructor to conduct classes at the churches in the township three days a week.

FORMER DECOTO RESIDENT DIES

Frank Caldera, age 64, a former resident of Decoto, died at his home in Sacramento, Saturday, Dec. 14.

A rosary service was held at the Hayward Mortuary Tuesday evening, Dec. 17. A requiem mass was said at Holy Rosary Church in Decoto Wednesday, Dec. 18. Interment was at Holy Ghost Cemetery in Centerville. His six nephews served as pallbearers.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Caldera; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Silva, Mrs. Ann Avilla and Mrs. Frances Williams, all of Washington Township; three brothers, Anthony of Livermore, and Manuel and Joseph, Decoto.

NILES SCHOOL CHILDREN GUESTS AT TURKEY DINNER

A turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings, was the Christmas treat given by the Niles school cafeteria staff to the Niles school children.

With Mrs. Catherine Parry managing the menu and supervising the cooking, and E. D. Bristow, principal, carving the turkeys, the turkey dinner got off to a good start and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Assisting Mrs. Parry in the preparation were Mrs. M. Farrell and Mrs. J. Moura.

POST OFFICE OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

Peering from behind stacks of Christmas packages Edward Enos, Niles postmaster, in between sessions of sorting countless Yule cards and bundles, reported today that the stamp and parcel post windows of the post office here would remain open during the afternoon Saturday until 5 p.m. to accommodate mailers in this cicinity.

Two extra mail clerks have been added to the force here during the annual Christmas rush.

GRAND JURY ASKS FOR CHANGE IN COUNTY FAIR

Directors of the Alameda County Fair Association received severe criticism this week from the Alameda County Grand Jury which has been investigating Fair operations and the Fair Association's annual report.

One of the six recommendations filed by the Grand Jury to govern future fairs stated: "That the Fair be conducted on an efficient, economical and business like basis, and that proper emphasis be placed upon the exhibiting of agricultural and related products."

It was the lack of agricultural exhibits and related products at the recent Fairs that brought the action taken by the Niles Chamber of Commerce last month. At that time the Chamber here petitioned the Board of Supervisors stating that ". . . agriculture and industry of Alameda County had been inefficiently represented on the present Fair Board . . . "

The Niles Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee headed by Dr. T. C. Wilson and including George C. Roeding Jr. and Vernon Ellsworth to investigate the possibilities of forming a new Fair Association comprised of prominent agriculturalists. Thus far the committee has made no report.

HUSKIES SUFFER TWO DEFEATS

The Washington Union High School Huskies varsity basketball quintet dropped two games the past week, bowing to the powerful Santa Clara team Friday, 31 to 27, and outpointed by the Lincoln High of San Jose 38 to 17, Tuesday, on the home court.

The Washington "30" team also lost both its games by scores of 26 to 13 and 14 to 13.

In Friday's varsity game against Santa Clara, Nakamura and Rodrigues paced the Huskies with eight points each but they were never able to pull into the lead, thus losing their first league game of the season.

The Huskies' passing showed great improvement in last week's game compared with previous starts but they had considerable difficulty making their close-in shots count.

Tuesday afternoon Coach Voorhees' lads were completely outplayed by the towering and powerful Lincoln High squad on the home court. The Washington Varsity fought hard in the first half to hold the tally to 15-11 but weakened under the second half assault of the visitors. Coach Voorhees gave every man on the varsity squad some action during the game in an attempt to mold together the best combination of his current material.

The Huskies will be idle this Friday but will return Dec. 30 and 31 for preliminary workouts for their Jan. 2 tilt in San Francisco against Lowell High, the only game scheduled during the Christmas vacation.

KGO TO ERECT NEW STATION NEAR NEWARK

The American Broadcasting Company San Francisco station KGO this week leased 20 acres of land from the Leslie Salt Company at Newark on which they plan to erect a half-million-dollar broadcasting plant.

The leased plot is located on the Dumbarton Bridge road approximately half way between the bridge and the hills.

Plans call for the construction of either two or three high transmitting towers and a building to house the transmitting equipment and engineers. The new towers here will replace the present towers in use in the congested city area.

Engineers are working at the site at the present time making tests and work is expected to begin on the towers and building by the first of the year.

All programs carried by the station and originating in its San Francisco studios will be transmitted over the airways from the towers here.

SCOUT-O-RAMA PLANNED FOR BOY SCOUTS

Many Southern District Boy Scout troops are now preparing for the Scout-O-Rama to be held in the Oakland Auditorium in February of 1947, according to Joseph Koenig, vice-chairman of camping and activities for the southern district.

Koenig announced that the following troops were actively preparing for the demonstrations: Troop 1 of Niles, landscape designing; Centerville troop, fruit culture; Irvington troop, agriculture; Livermore, conservation exhibit and demonstration; Troop 1, Hayward, poultry keeping merit badge; Troop 5, Hayward, farm mechanics merit badge; and Castro Valley, horsemanship.

NEW PATROL CAR

Henry Vervais, deputy sheriff stationed at Niles, is sporting a new patrol car this week. The car, a two-toned blue sedan, was purchased Friday from the Central Chevrolet Company in Centerville.

NEWS from Walt & Ed

Merry Christmas, folks, and thanks for the fan mail we have received on our column. Remember, when Walt and Ed says we have bargains, we really have bargains.

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NILES GIRL SCOUTS

The Niles Girl Scout troops will combine forces next Monday afternoon for a Christmas party to be held at the Scout House. The party will start at two o'clock, with Mrs. Henry Vervais supervising the girls.

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MISSION SAN JOSE NEWS

By LOIS BOTTENBERG

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weibel of the Weibel Champagne Vineyard here in the Mission have returned from Switzerland after spending several months there. They were very glad to get home for they had been unable to get passage for a very long time. They brought home a new Chrysler car with them. Miss Elsie Weibel, sister of the couple, returned with them to make her permanent home in the Mission, and Miss Mina Saegesses, niece, has a year visitor pass before she has to return to Switzerland.

Captain and Mrs. A. B. Cross and family of Bastrop, Texas, are spending a few days here in the Mission visiting Mrs. Elsie Wilcox, mother of Mr. Cross. They are scouting around the country looking for a permanent home. On Wednesday they spent the day at Redwood City with Floyd H. Cross and family, another brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Whiteside of San Francisco are spending a few days here at the home of her sister, Miss Abbie Sunderer.

Hugh McIvor, Herbert Santos and Frank Dias are all at Taft wrecking buildings in preparation to have them brought to Irvington where they will be used in building more school rooms for the Irvington Grammar School.

Mrs. Janie McGowan and daughter, Bobbie, and baby son, were called to Wichita, Kansas, over a week ago due to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Sara Gunn.

Mrs. Joseph Rose of Vallejo spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Cross on the Durham Road. The men folks motored to Tracy where they did some hunting with success on Sunday.

DECOTO NEWS

By ETHEL AVILLA

Al Falletti has donated 500 bags of candy to the Decoto School to be distributed among the children, making their merry Christmas a merrier one still.

Foreman Roland Bendel, Jack Rowlett, Paul Garcia and Harley Dennis of the Southern Alameda County district, attended the annual Mosquito Abatement conference at the University of California, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. New ideas were gained in the uses of DDT sprays. Officials from all parts of California, Washington and Utah were represented.

The Decoto Firemen's dance was a huge success, according to Fire Chief Roland Bendel. Decoto, of course, was well represented, as well as the other towns in the township.

PINOCHLE CLUB FETED

Mrs. Frances Avilla and Miss Linda Cunha entertained with a friendly session of pinochle Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Avilla. The evening was especially interesting as this was the first time the entire group had ever played three handed pinochle, which can be a very rough game—and usually is—for the bidder. First and second prizes were won by Frances Mara and Ethel Avilla, with Frances Avilla winning third. The refreshments were delicious, the coffee hot, and the conversation flowed freely until the small hours. The next gathering will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wallace, January 11.

Eighty mothers were entertained at a Christmas tea given by Principal L. W. Musick at the Decoto school Friday, Dec. 13. At two o'clock films were shown in the auditorium, then the classrooms were visited where the children's work was on display. The eighth grade girls assisted in serving cake and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pine and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Costa attended the annual Tribune Christmas party held last week at the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. Pine is the district advisor and Costa is a dealer.

Mrs. Mary A. Caldeira passed away December 13, after a long illness. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Roderick of Alvarado and Mrs. Mary Pizza of Los Altos; and two brothers, Tony and George Bettencourt of Decoto. Funeral services were held December 17 from Sorensen Brothers Chapel with interment in the Holy Ghost Cemetery in Centerville.

TAKES NURSERY POSITION

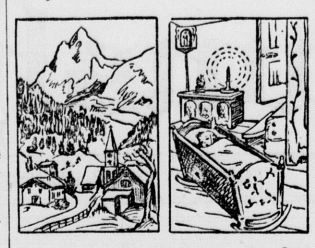
Mrs. Malcolm Cole, Niles P.T.A. president, is now doing part-time secretarial work at the California Nursery.

Read Register Want Ads.

Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pageantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidical in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination — bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

SCHOOL SINGERS ENTERTAIN ROTARY

Niles Rotarians enjoyed a special Chritmas-time treat Thursday noon at the International Kitchen when the Irvington Elementary School Glee Club presented a program of Christmas music, under the direction of Miss Mary Virginia Bristow. Miss Bristow is the daughter of President E. Dixon Bristow of the club. The program had been arranged for by Dr. T. C. Wilson.

Members of the Rotary Club expressed the Christmas spirit by decorating a tree around which gifts were arranged, these to be given to needy children. A number of children were present as guests.

New members accepted into the club were Harry Querner and George Bonde Jr.

Following the program by the young singers, Querner invited the entire group to be his dinner guests at the International Kitchen.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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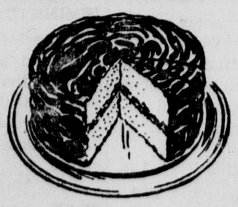

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I HEAR TELL IN NEWARK . . .

By THELMA McNIEVE

Little Miss Pam Marshall went visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Vochatzer of Berkeley, last Sunday, and returned to Newark on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Vinna Pool has had one of those miserable and, I might add, "nasty colds this past week, but remained on the job, clerking at the Gygax store.

Miss Adele Bertolotti and Miss Eleanor Freitas, who room together at the Y.W.C.A. while attending San Jose State College, returned home on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, and will resume their studies in January.

Newark Lax, retired rural mail carrier, is quite the "man about town." The other day I came upon him wearing a very good-looking black and white wool plaid shirt. Did you notice it, too?

Mrs. John Freitas Sr. visited her sister, Mrs. Mamie Knobles of Oakland on Friday to help celebrate the latter's birthday. Also going along to extend happy birthday wishes were the Mesdames John Kettman, Herb Lacey, Cecil McNeive, Johnny Freitas Jr. and Eleanor Freitas. Kiddies included Debbie McNieve, Jack and Jill Kettman and David Lacey.

Miss Thelma Santos has been very busy recently keeping appointments at Mt. View with her dentist.

In listing the new added conveniences at the Newark post office, I overlooked one item and that was the two new mail slots directly in line with the front door. Many a patron will appreciate that and in case no one paid any attention to the sign posted on the door, the post office will remain open this Saturday afternoon for Christmas mailing.

Miss Betty Brown, "soda jerk" (kidding Betty) at Jolly's Pharmacy, will leave the last of December and may enter San Jose State College in January. However, at this printing, Betty is most indefinite about future plans. She is a graduate of the 1945 class at Washington Union High School and has worked at the drug store for the past two and a half years—part time during her high school rays.

Miss Evelyn Santos, who has been employed at the Newark post office, will enter San Jose State College in January, along with Miss Loretta Caldeira. These two young lassies were most fortunate in finding lodgings in San Jose.

If my column has been a "little scanty" these past two weeks, it is "partly due" to the fact that our little Pum'kin (nickname) Debbie has had the "sniffles" and I've been more or less "snowed in.'

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CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

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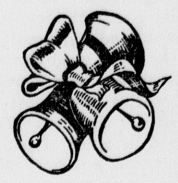
CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

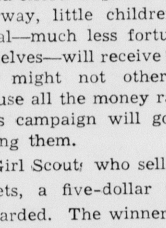


★ The custom of ringing a joyous peal of bells on Christmas morning has been for ages a feature of the Christmas celebration. In many countries, however, the bells ring on Christmas Eve, for according to the old church usage the real beginning of Christmas was at sunset on Christmas Eve. Christmas bells tell us that once, long ago, on a Christmas day love came into the world, flooding the earth with beauty and goodness, when the angels sang about a crib in Bethlehem.

The pagan Romans were the first to utilize Christmas greens for decorative purposes. They decorated growing evergreens with tiny masks to insure fertility. The progress from this pagan practice to the modern Christian use is hidden in unproven theories. Because of their unchanging freshness, evergreens were considered a symbol of eternity. The circle, without end was an emblem of the same symbol. Mistletoe was held in veneration by the ancient Celts and Teutons.

Burning of the Yule log was a symbol of the return of the sun. The log was dragged ceremoniously to the family hearth, where it was drenched with wine and kindled with a brand saved from the preceeding year. When flames crackled forth it portended good luck for the coming year. If the log did not light it was believed to be an omen of ill luck. The "Feast of the Returning Sun" was an ancient pagan festival, observed by many peoples.

★ The giving of gifts was instituted by St. Nichols, who was first considered an ascetic in Europe, when he appeared as an oldster with white beard, on horseback, carrying gifts for good children, switches for bad ones. Pelznickle, from the demon world would accompany him, clad in a fur coat and carrying a switch. St. Nichols, or Nicholas, was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, *in the fourth century.* He is patron saint of Greece, Russia, and the city of Naples.



★ Feasting on Christmas today is pallid compared to what it was in days gone by. Turkey was first introduced in England about 1520 and as a mild substitute for the traditional boar's head garlanded with rosemary and laurel. The exotic roasted peacock was also a favorite at early feasts. Mince pie was eaten in the 16th century as a symbol of the riches brought by the three wise men. It was filled with rich spices and products brought from the mysterious far East.

Christmas boxes for the poor did not originate in America. They date back to the days of the ancient Romans. They held a feast in honor of Saturn. Boxes were made up and distributed. This has become an important part of Christmas in this country and the plan has been developed and enlarged by religious, civic and other organizations in order to bring happiness to hundreds of thousands who would otherwise be overlooked at Christmas. Boxing Day is a legal holiday.

★ There are nearly as many versions of Santa Claus as there are nationalities: Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Babquschka, Kris Kringle and many others. But regardless of his name, he is welcomed and beloved by all—children and adults alike. In America Santa Claus is still recognized by the original drawing of Thomas Nash, made to illustrate Dr. Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nichols."

NILES GIRL SCOUTS IN DRIVE FOR CHARITABLE CAUSE

The girls in the Niles Girl Scout troop are busy as the proverbial bees this week selling tickets for a project for the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay.

Because these healthy and happy little Niles girls are exerting their energies and efforts in such a commendable way, little children in the Hospital—much less fortunate than themselves—will receive benefits they might not otherwise have, because all the money raised during this campaign will go towards aiding them.

To the Girl Scout who sells the most tickets, a five-dollar prize will be awarded. The winner will be announced in next week's Register.

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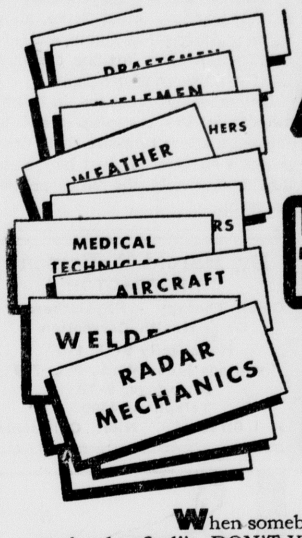
CLASS AT HIGH PREPARES A TURKEY DINNER

A turkey dinner, with J. V. Goold and Irving Hird doing the carving, was the highlight of the party given Wednesday night by the Junior homemaking class at Washington Union High School.

Members of the class were hostesses, with each one inviting a guest. Approximately 40 people were present. The dinner was prepared and served by the girls, under the supervision of Miss Winona King.

The dinner, which was served at seven o'clock, was followed by an evening of dancing and games. During the course of the evening, Miss King was presented with an orchid corsage, with Dorothy Butler making the presentation for the class.



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Thinking Things Over...

By VIVIAN BATMAN

What a lot of work the Niles school teachers must have gone to in making all the cute and attractive costumes for the children for the Christmas program!

Undoubtedly teachers in other schools in the township went to the same effort to make their programs a success. It just happened that I saw only the Niles school program.

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Again I am confronted with the Christmas card situation, which has me completely baffled. Year after year I go through the same mental tortures, viz: if we receive a card from someone to whom we have not yet sent one, I visualize the person when he finally gets ours saying, "Yeah, they just sent us one because we sent them one."

If, on the other hand, I get our cards in the mail first, I am then filled with the curiously uncomfortable feeling of wondering, "Now would THEY have sent us one if we hadn't sent them one?"

Ah, the spirit of Christmas. 'S wonderful, isn't it?

The way I feel now, after working on this Christmas issue is that I'd just as soon go up the street and have one of those foot-long hot dogs they're all talking about this week for my Christmas dinner as to have to cook a turkey dinner.

In my opinion (it is always good to preface a flat statement with "in my opinion") anyone who holds any kind of position or office for more than ten years should gracefully retire, to find another position or office—or anyway, retire. Anyone in any position for that length of time gets stale. A new person coming in, though he may not actually be as efficient, brings new enthusiasm and zest to the job which is invaluable.

Isn't it nice that we can now buy the male members of the family somthing other than the customary ties, socks, shirts, etc., for Christmas?

What? Well — perfume! Of course they are tactfully termed after-shaving lotions or colognes. But perfume by any other name is still a perfume.

For men they have the invigorating, so-called masculine scents such as new-mown hay, buckskin, spice, leather, sea foam and sea breeze, to mention a few. They come in equally masculine containers.

How about buying the man in your family one of the above-mentioned "shaving lotions" or do you think the whole idea—er—smells?

Did you read, in this issue, all of the cheery Christmas greetings sent to you by the business people of your communities? To show that you appreciate their courtesy and good wishes, why don't you make it a special point to return their "Merry Christmasses" in person, at their places of business?

FRIDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Here are some good books for family reading-aloud. Most of them are funny. All of them appeal to readers (and listeners) of all ages. They make good Christmas presents to a whole family. All public libraries have most of them and can get the rest. The list is arranged in order of popularity. In general, younger children like the first ones best.

Atwater—Mr. Popper's Penguins. Hilarious foolishness.

Lofting—Story of Dr. Doolittle. Solemn nonsense.

Travers—Mary Poppins. Unsentimental, funny, modern fairy tale.

Wilder—Farmer Boy. A boy, his family, and his beautiful colt.

Stong— Honk the Moose. Two small boys and one large moose.

Estes—The Moffats. Doing of a lively family.

Brooks—Freddy, the Detective. A very smart pig and his deductions.

Anderson—Salute. Short, beautiful story of a boy and a colt.

Pyle—Salt and Pepper. Funny, beautiful, fairy tales.

Thurber—Great Quillow. Modern fairy tale.

Hale—Peterkin Papers. Absurd doings of a muddled family.

McCloskey—Homer Price. Tall yarns about a boy in modern Ohio.

Kipling—Jungle Book. Exciting, beautiful, memorable adventure.

Temple—Web Adams. A modern (very modern) Penrod.

Books for the home owner at the Centerville Library:

Dean—Home Ownership—Is It Sound? Keen analysis of the pitfalls involved in building or buying a home. Candid discussion of costs of ownership and hidden risks in house and neighborhood.

Depperd—Fidst Reader for Antique Collectors. Practical guide to antique collecting. Anecdotes to summon the collector's chuckle and a lucid explanation of how and why fads change. Abundantly illustrated.

Ortloff and Ramore— Garden Planning and Building. Essential principles of landscape design. Detailed directions for preparation of soil. How to plan and build paths, drives and terraces and arrange gardens and borders. Ideal book for one who wants his gardent well planned but who wants the satisfaction of doing the work himself.

Picken—Sewing for the House. Guild to make slip covers, drapes, bed and table linens, needlepoint and rugs.

IRVINGTON TRACT MODEL HOME OPEN

Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzhugh of Irvington and E. M. Stevenson of Centerville, developers of the Irvington Tract, announced this week that their first new home has been completed and will be open to the inspection of the public all day Sunday.

The new home, one of the many to be erected on the tract, is a 5-room junior California ranch type of architecture.

The tract is located on the Irvington-Centerville Road.

ST. JAMES CHURCH ADOPTS BUDGET

A 1947 budget of $4,781 was adopted by the parishioners of the St. James Episcopal Church at Centerville at their regular annual church dinner held Friday night in Memorial Hall.

The new budget represents an increase of $400 over the 1946 budget to cover increases in salary for the vicar and organist.

A special fund of $600 was also set aside for repair and maintenance of the church and rectory.

In a report of the past year's expenditures it was revealed that $500 was paid out for the purchase of a new organ and a like amount for the rehabilitation of churches in war-stricken countries.

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A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Regular services are held as follows:

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MORNING SERVICE 11 A.M.

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CHRISTMAS FOOD GUIDE

Here's a package you should look into *before* Christmas week rolls around! Check this "food guide" and prepare a list of holiday foods you can buy *this* week. Get them now at Safeway. Only the perishable foods will then remain to be picked up next week when all stores are certain to be busy!

Ideas for your Christmas dinner

If your Christmas dinner menu isn't quite complete and you're still looking for some ideas, here are several that may help you.

SHRIMP-ORANGE COCKTAIL—*Serve this unusual opening course in sherbet glasses lined with crisp lettuce or in orange shells.*

Combine equal amounts of shrimp and diced orange sections, allowing ¼ to ½ cup of the mixture for each serving. Toss together lightly and sprinkle with a few drops of lemon juice. Just before serving, top with a tablespoon or two of a well-seasoned Thousand Island dressing.

RIPE OLIVES BORDELAISE—*For an unusual accompaniment to an opening course, or as a relish, try this different way with ripe olives. Be sure to serve them piping hot, for it enhances the flavor.*

Place 2 cups ripe olives and olive liquid in a small saucepan. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons salad oil and 3 quartered buds of garlic. Let stand for several hours. Just before serving, bring to boiling point. Drain and serve hot. Serves 6.

BAKED ONIONS AND PEAS—*If your turkey doesn't fill your oven, here's an excellent idea for a vegetable for your Christmas dinner. The flavor combination is a perfect one to go with turkey or chicken.*

Wash and peel 1 pound of small dry onions; place in casserole and season with butter or margarine, salt, and pepper. Cover and bake in a moderately hot oven (400° F.) 35 minutes or until almost tender. Add 2 cups of cooked or canned peas. Cover and bake 5 minutes, or until peas are heated through. Serves 6.

HOT MINCEMEAT SUNDAE—*If you are still wondering what to serve for dessert, then this quick and easy idea is just for you. Mix it the day before, then let it simmer during your dinner.*

Mix together 1 cup mincemeat, ½ cup each of chopped nut meats and orange juice, and ¼ cup each of dark corn syrup and brown sugar, firmly packed. Let stand overnight. Just before serving simmer gently 10 to 15 minutes. Serve hot over vanilla ice cream, allowing 1 to 2 tablespoons for each serving. Serves 6 to 8.

CRANBERRY HARD SAUCE—*If plum pudding with hard sauce is traditional in your family, and you'd like a hard sauce just a little different, this one will surely make a hit.*

Cream ¼ cup of butter or margarine until soft. Add 1½ cups powdered sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Stir in 2 to 4 tablespoons cranberry sauce or jelly; beat thoroughly. Place in serving dish; chill. Serves 6.

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Pint Carton
24½¢

Appetizers

Crackers Sunshine—Hi Ho—1-lb. Pkg. 25¢
Spread Cheese—Shefford's Pimiento, Olive Pimiento, Pine. and Relish—5-oz. Gl. 21¢
Peanuts Cocktail—Planter's—8-oz. 25¢
Cashews Kemp—7-oz. 39¢
Juice Orange—Full O'Gold—No. 2 2 for 35¢
Juice Tomato—Sunny Dawn—No. 2 2 for 19¢
Juice Cocktail—V-8 Veg.—No. 2 2 for 29¢

Side Dishes

Peas PictSweet, Little or Big—No. 2 2 for 39¢
Potatoes Sweet—Pel-La-Co—2½ Can 25¢
Potatoes New—Del Monte, Whole—No. 2 Can 2 for 25¢
Asparagus Spears—Del Monte, Green & White—No. 2 35¢
Diced Beets S & W—No. 2 Can 14¢
Spiced Peaches Del Monte, Whole—2½ Gl. 33¢
Pickles Libby's Homemade—26-oz. Gl. 39¢

Canned Foods

Corn Highway Gold, V. P.—12-oz. 2 for 27¢
Corn Niblets—Gold., W. K.—12-oz. 2 for 27¢
Peas Gardenside Sweet—No. 2 2 for 25¢
Green Beans Langroll's French Style No. 2 Can 18¢
Asparagus Spears—Tip Top Cut No. 2 Can 29¢
Apricots Petite, Unp. ½'s—2½ Can 23¢
Peaches Highway Y. C. ½'s, Sl.—#2½ 24¢
Cherries Hunt's Dark Sweet—2½ Can 49¢
Mushrooms Buttons—4-oz. Can 44¢
Tomato Sauce Del Monte 8-oz. Can 2 for 11¢

Salads

Veg-All Larsen's—No. 2 Can 15¢
Artichoke Hearts Quality Kitchen Whole—15½-oz. Glass 49¢
Gelatine Knox—Pkg. 18¢
Cottage Cheese Blossom Time—Creamed or Farmer—16-oz. Carton 24¢
Cream Cheese Phila.—3-oz. Pkg. 15¢
Almonds Blue Diamond Shelled—8-oz. Cello 39¢
Walnuts Diamond, Large—1-lb. Cello 49¢
Fruit Cocktail Del Monte—2½ Can 31¢

Beverages

Coffee Nob Hill, Whole Roast—1-lb. 39¢
Tea Bags Canterbury O. P.—Ctn. 48 33¢
Punch Golden Bridge—Qt. Btl. 15¢
Prune Juice Sunsweet—Qt. Gl. 24¢
Apple Juice Macomber's—16-oz. Gl. 16¢
Grapefruit Juice Texsun Unsweet. No. 2 Can 10¢
Tomato Juice Rancho—No. 2 2 for 19¢
Sparkling Water M. Mix—Qt., Dep. 10¢
Wine Roma Estate Dry Burgundy—5th 67¢
Wine Fidelis Sweet, Assorted—5th 89¢
Liquid Apple S & W—12-Oz. Glass 16¢

Desserts

Fruit Cake Hostess Orchard—1-Lb. 14-Oz. $1.40
Cheese Berkshire Medium—½-lb. Pkg. 33¢
Pumpkin Libby's—2½ Can 2 for 29¢
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Soup Mix Betty Crocker Dehy. Pea—Pkg. 3 for 27¢

Miscellaneous

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Seasoning Bell's Poultry—1-oz. 2 for 15¢
Salts Schilling's Celery, Garlic, Savor & Onion—3-oz. Can 12¢
Extract Schilling's Vanilla—2-oz. Gl. 33¢
Variety Pack Kellogg's—Each 24¢
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Bisquick Biscuit Mix—40-oz. Ctn. 39¢
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Tobacco Prince Albert—1-lb. Tin 87¢
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Cleaner Oakite—10½-oz. Pkg. 2 for 19¢

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...Around the Township...

Shower Honors Mrs. Overacker

Honoring Mrs. Howard Overacker with a shower for her new baby, several guests gathered at the home of Mrs. Jack Rees Tuesday evening and presented Mrs. Overacker with many lovely gifts. Decorations carried out the Yule theme, and following the opening of the gifts, the evening was spent playing bridge.

Those present included Mmes. Clark Raedeker, Fred Melhase, Vernon Brown, Irving Hird, Joe Shinn Jr., Michael Overacker, Glen Jones, Ralph Logan, George Coefield and E. A. Groves Jr.

Solon's Almanac

"The thing generally raised on city land is taxes"

DECEMBER

24—Treaty of Ghent signed, 1814.

25—Christmas Day.

26—Washington captures Hessians at Trenton, 1776.

27—Earthquakes take 50,000 lives in Turkey, 1939.

28—U. S. takes over control of railroads, 1917.

29—Congress votes Philippine Independence, 1932.

30—Sun Yat-sen elected first president of China, 1911.

31—Ellis Island opened as Immigration Depot, 1890.

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Family Party at Brazil Home

There will be twelve around the Christmas dinner table at the Manuel Brazil home in Centerville. These include Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brazil and their baby son, Philip Edward; Edward and Ferdinand Brazil, Mrs. Mary B. Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lopes and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brazil of Gustine.

Younger Set Party At Belvoir Hotel

On Saturday, December 21, John, Nancy and David Bishop are entertaining at the Hotel Belvoir a number of their high school friends at a pre-Christmas party .

Those invited are: Irving Alameda, Audrey Aquiar, Jim Aquira, Diane Avakan, Marilyn Belding, Rosie Clark, Vonnie Calderia, Dorothy Costa, Tommy Cardenas, Barbara DeBorba, Al Durazo, Fred Duffie, Bobby DeSalles, Laura Emery, Vic Fracolli, Betty Grau, Leslie Halliday, Roger Halliday, Joyce Hunsberger, Gordon Kibby, Ray Luiz, Edna Lewis, Melvin Lewis, Jackie Lewis, Thelma Jean Logan, David Leask, Rudy Mendonca, "Butch" Mohn, Burt Madsen, Jack Mosher, Cora Perez, Marvin Peixotto, Evan Parry, Elaine Silva, orraine McLain, Larry Thatcher, Cathy Viverios, Art Brown, Diana Crossman, Joyce Harvey and Joy Silveria.

New Grandson at Family Party

The W. D. Pattersons are looking forward to having their three sons and families home for the annual Christmas Eve family party which they have at their house. There will be a new little member added to the family party this year—Bruce Robert Patterson, son of Capt. and Mrs. John B. Patterson, was born at Children's Hospital in San Francisco on November 24. His mother is the former Joan Meeks of San Francisco. Bruce Robert has a little two-year-old sister, Amy Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patterson and their three sons will motor over from Atherton, and Mr. and Mrs. David Patterson from Palo Alto.

Alamedans to Attend Party

The A. E. Alameda family will have a big family gathering at their Irvington home on Christmas day with relatives present from both sides of the family. Included in the Yule festivities of the Alamedas will be the cocktail party they will attend Sunday at the Oakland home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silverman. Mrs. Silverman is Mr. Alameda's sister.

Guests in San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirkish will join Mr. Kirkish's brother, Dr. A. A. Kirkish, and family, for Christmas dinner in San Francisco. Miss Annette Kirkish, a student at U. C., will also be a guest at her uncle's home.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO...

(From the 1926 files of The Township Register)

Rose Springer was installed as the new matron of the Orient Chapter, Eastern Star; and Morton Springer as patron.

Deputy Sheriff George Wales came back with the limit when he went snipe hunting.

Mrs. John Dassell died in Sonoma. She was the mother of Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth.

J. Oliver of Niles came home from a hunting trip to Gridley with a full bag of wild geese.

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CLOSED MONDAYS

MR. AND MRS. JOHN WOLF of Newark, their team of Roller Canaries and trophies and ribbons won by the team at the Oakland International Roller Canary Club contest held recently at Hotel Leamington, Oakland. The birds won all the awards in the novice division in which they were entered and one of the team was awarded the trophy for second place honors in the grand championship. (Photo by John Cattaneo)

Newark Girl Wed To Niles Man

A surprise wedding last Wednesday in Reno united Bernard Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green of Niles, and Laura Martell, daughter of Mrs. Flora Martell of Newark.

The benedict, a graduate of Washington Union High School, served with the Navy for five years. He is presently employed at the Austin Construction Company in Newark His bride, who also attended Washington Union High School, is a former Morton Salt Company employee.

The couple, who plan to return at the end of the week from their honeymoon, will make their home in Newark.

Shinns Have Ten Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn of Niles are now proudly announcing that they are the grandparents of ten grandchildren. The tenth was born on December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Solinsky of Sutter Creek at the Sutter Maternity Home in Sacramento. He has been named James Clark Solinsky, and is the fifth child in his family.

Spending Holidays In Detroit, Michigan

Miss Dorothy Amaral of Irvington left Monday for Detroit, Mich., where she will spend the holidays visiting her fiance, John J. Brinkman, at the home of his parents.

Miss Doris Rose will be employed at the Pond Pharmacy in Irvington during Miss Amaral's vacation.

Sunday Wedding for Isobelle Miller

Miss Isobelle Miller, who for three years has been in the Alameda County Health Department as a school nurse, will this Sunday become the bride of Ralph Alvine of Vallejo.

The candle-light, double-ring ceremony will be performed at the Mormon Church in Vallejo with only relatives and close friends of the couple present. Miss Miller will be given away by her brother, Bart Miller, of Palo Alto. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller of Ashland, Wisconsin, will be unable to come out for the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the pair will be held at Casa de Vallejo Hotel, after which the newlyweds will leave for a honeymoon at Carmel, to return in two weeks to their Vallejo home.

The bride-elect is well known in Washington Township, having served as the school nurse for the local schools. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Lamoreuxs Leave For Montana

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Lamoreux and their two children, Larry and Mary Lynn, will experience a white Christmas this year, as they are leaving for Stevensville, Montana, Saturday, to be gone for two weeks. Accompanying them back to Stevensville will be Dr. Lamoreux's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lamoreux, who have been visiting here for the past week. Mrs. Lamoreux expects her father, Mr. R. E. Baker, to return to Niles with them. He is expected to meet them in Montana after coming from his home in Ames, Iowa.

MICKEY BY BERCHEM'S

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Open House at Berchem Home

Of the many who plan to hold "open house" on Christmas Eve will be the senior Berchems, at their Niles home. Among those who plan to drop in for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. John Berchem, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Berchem, Mrs. Martha Roland, Mrs. Nash, John Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nuguerra, Mr. and Mrs. Sletten, Mr. and Mrs. McKiernan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Saunders. Others, too, are planning to stop in to say "Merry Christmas."

Evan Bailey to Enroll at Stanford

The L. E. Bailey family is making preparations for two coming events. One, of course, is Christmas, and the other is the departure of their son, Evan, for Stanford where he will enroll as a Freshman on January 6. Another son, Norman, is enrolled at Menlo Junior College.

Offels Leave For Nebraska

Mrs. Paul Offel of Niles claims that she is beginning to feel like Eleanor Roosevelt—she is doing that much traveling. Having just recently returned from Washington, Mrs. Offel and her husband are now planning to leave for Nebraska to spend the holidays with her family.

Walter Blake is Promoted to Corporal

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blake received word from their son, Walter Jr., Wednesday that he had been promoted to corporal. He is with the army quartermasters corps stationed in Seoul, Korea, and is in charge of the ice plant there.

Several Guests At Cull Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cull of Niles have invited several guests to their home to share their Christmas dinner with them, including Sergeant and Mrs. James S. Cull and daughter, Patsy, of Santa Ana; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith and Mrs. Ruth Oliver of San Jose, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garner of Hayward.

To Pleasanton

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alberg, accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chapman, will motor over to Pleasanton to have Christmas with relatives.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Niles will host a Christmas dinner party at their home with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Biensteiner, coming from San Francisco, and Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. Flora Moore, arriving from Oakland.

Yule Dinner Guests

Gathering at the J. C. Shinn home for Christmas dinner will be Joe Jr. and Nellie and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Leonard of Los Altos. Mr. Leonard's mother and aunt will also be guests.

At Chico

Mrs. George Crawford of Niles returned this week after spending several days in Chico, visiting her children.

To Byron

Mrs. Anna Bradford of Niles is feeling grateful this Christmas that she does not have to prepare the Christmas dinner. She will motor to Byron to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krumland.

Kibbys at Home

The Hugh Kibby family will spend Christmas at home in Niles with their son, Gordon, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Simmons and son, Billy, of Oakland, as dinner guests.

At Los Altos

Mrs. Helen Ford of Niles is looking forward to a happy Christmas day to be spent in Los Altos at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stafford. Mrs. Noah Adams will also be a guest of the Staffords.

GRAND CANYON WIDTH

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DECOTO SCHOOL

by Pat Guerra

Three plays will be given in the school auditorium Friday. The first play will be put on by the third, fourth and seventh grades.

Following is the cast of the third grade play, "Do You See the Star?":

Star of Bethlehem, Beatrice Leima; Man in the Moon, Tommy Duran; Old Woman, Loretta Ferreira; Robert, Robert Newby; First Newsboy, Takishi Katsumuto; Second Newsboy, David Banuelos; Notions Peddler, Bennie Bairsa; Boy Helper, Raymond Dominquez; Girl Helper, Dolores Garcia; First Star, Teresa Juarez; Second Star, Gloria Pagan; Third Star, Laverne Bettencourt; Fourth Star, Barbara Fletcher; Fifth Star, Lydia Alvarez; Sixth Star, Josephine Rivera; Seventh Star, Esperanza Martinez; Eighth Star, Elaine Boliva; Ninth Star, Louise Garcia; Nativity Scene —Mary, Mary Lou Mendez; Joseph, Alfred Valenzuela; Angels, Alice Gonzales and Angie Garcia; Three Wise Men, Oscar Viesca, Fidel Jackson and Lawrence Gonzales; Shepherds, Benjamin Moralez, Bobby Galaisa, David Vargas, Richard Alvarez, Pedro Garcia; Curtain Men, Ralph Martinez and George Magnaga.

Following is the cast for the fourth grade play, "Grandpa's Christmas Surprise":

Grandpa, Terry Halliwell; grandchildren, Jessie Sausedo, Constance Fitzsimmons, David Amaral, Frank Martin, Daniel Gonzales, Rita Sanchez, Minga Medina, Rosalie Reid, Frank Estrella.

A recitation about "Santa's Cake" will be given by Constance Fitzsimmons.

Following is the cast of the seventh grade play, "Our Christmas Customs":

Rudolph Cantu; Shirley Rabello; Dolores Lorenzo; Story of Ivy, Arlene McHenry; Meaning of Mistletoe, Alecia Campa; Meaning of Holly, Phyllis Cosio; Our Christmas Tree and Its Use, Betty Meyer, Lois Gerber, James Faletti, Harry Searles; Christmas Cards and Their Use, John Rivera and Joseph Castro; The Use of Bells, Irene Jiminez and Susie Banuelos; Christmas in Holland, Richard Gerber; Christmas in Sweden, Manuel Olson; Christmas in Spain, Marcelino Montellano; Christmas in France, Mary Medina; Santa Claus, Henry Mendoza; Christmas Card Parade, Velia Sauceda, Fernando Avila, Lilly Mendoza, Martha Martinez, Esther Valdez, Simon Martinez, Elidia Castro, Leo Ramirez, Grable Ramirez, Josephine Macias and Leon Rodrigues.; stage managers, George Pagan, Joe Aguilar, Tony Ramos and Joseph Gerber.

Following the plays, Santa will visit the classrooms.

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It's in the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds.

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NILES

FORMER NILES MAN RECEIVES $1000 AS RESEARCH AWARD

Of interest to the many friends he made during his residence in Niles is the news that Dr. J. L. Lush, who has been connected with the Kimber Poultry Farms at different times, has won a thousand dollar award and an Elgin wrist watch in recognition of his outstanding research in animal production.

He received the award at the International Livestock Show in Chicago from the American Society of Animal Production. At present he is on the faculty of Iowa State College at Ames.

His son, David Lush, is completing a course at the Stanford Law School and left this week for Iowa to spend the holidays with his parents.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is employed by General Foods in New York.

During their stay in Niles Dr. and Mrs. Lush made many friends, and were active in several organizations. Mrs. Lush at one time conducted a conversational Spanish language class for children in Niles.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO IRVINGTON SANITARY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Petition for Annexation of Territory to Irvington Sanitary District will be presented to the Sanitary Board of Irvington Sanitary District on the 14th day of January, 1947, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the regular meeting place of said Board in the Leal Building on the northerly side of Mission Street, Irvington, Alameda County, California, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and be heard.

PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE IRVINGTON SANITARY DISTRICT OF ALAMEDA COUNTY AND BEING IN THE SAME COUNTY AS SUCH DISTRICT.

To the Honorable Sanitary Board of Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County, State of California.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned petitioners, respectfully set forth and represent:

1. That the hereinafter described territory is contiguous to the Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County, which said district was created and established on the 22nd day of January, 1923, in the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 161 of the Statutes of 1891, as amended, and was reorganized as a sanitary district under an act of the legislature of the State of California, entitled "An act to provide for the formation, government, operation, reorganization, dissolution and alteration of boundaries of sanitary districts in any part of the state, for the construction of sewers, septic tanks and other sanitary purposes; the acquisition of property thereby; the calling and conducting of elections in such districts; the assessment, levy, collection, custody and disbursement of taxes therein; the issuance and disposal of the bonds thereof and the determination of their validity and making provision for the payment of such bonds and the disposal of their proceeds; to empower sanitary boards to make and enforce sanitary regulations and providing penalties for violations thereof.", approved May 17, 1923, by resolution and order of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County made and adopted on the 25th day of June, 1923, and that said contiguous territory is in the same county as said Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County;

2. That the territory hereby sought to be annexed to said Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County is not within the limits of any other sanitary district;

3. That the boundaries of the contiguous territory hereby sought to be annexed to said Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County are specifically designated as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the southerly line of Olive Avenue and the northeasterly line of County Road No. 398, as shown on that certain map entitled "Map of a Portion of the Property of the Palmdale Company, Washington Township, Alameda County, California," filed December 20, 1904 in Book 20 of Maps, at page 8 thereof, Records of Alameda County, California; thence southeasterly along said northeasterly line of County Road No. 398 to a point on the direct extension northerly of the easterly line of the 18.36 acre tract now or formerly owned by W. C. and F. A. Peters; thence southerly along last said direct extension and along the easterly line of said lands of Peters to the intersection of the said easterly line of the lands of Peters with the southerly line of Plot No. 17 as shown on that certain map entitled "Map of Plots Nos. 1 to 52 and Blocks A B C D E of Lands Belonging to la Societe Francaise d'enargnes et de prevoyance mutuelle, in Washington Township" filed May 23, 1881 in Book 6 of Maps at page 22 thereof, Records of Alameda County, California; thence northerly, easterly, southerly and easterly along said southerly line of Plot 17 and along the southerly lines of Plots 18, 18½, and 21, to the intersection of said southerly line of Plot 21 with a line drawn parallel with the westerly property line of Bryant Street as shown on that certain map entitled, "Map of Town of Mission San Jose" filed October 27, 1868 in Book 6 of Maps at page 17 thereof, Records of Alameda County, California, and distant westerly 200 feet measured at right angles thereto; thence southerly along said parallel line to the intersection of said line with a line drawn parallel with the southerly line of Block D as shown on aforesaid map entitled, "Map of Town of Mission San Jose", and distant southerly 260 feet measured at right angles thereto; thence easterly along said parallel line and along the easterly extension thereof to the intersection of said line with a line drawn parallel to the easterly line of Vallejo Street, said line passing through the southeast corner of Lot V (Church Tract No. 2) of the Lands of the Ex Mission; thence northerly along said line to the southeasterly corner of said Lot V (Church Tract No. 2), and along the northeasterly property line of said Lot V (Church Tract No. 2) and along the northeasterly line of Lot 45 of the Lands of the Ex Mission, to the intersection of said line with the southerly line of Lot 43 of the Lands of the Ex Mission; thence easterly along said southerly line of Lot 43 to the southeasterly corner of Lot 43; thence northwesterly along the easterly line of said lot 43, and along the easterly line of the 7.60 acre tract of land now or formerly owned by the Female Religeous Order of St. Dominic, a corporation, and along the easterly line of the 1.60 acre tract now or formerly owned by Oscar L. and Hazel P. Star and Irene L. Hansen, and along the easterly line of that 11.03 acre tract now or formerly owned by Theresa Gallegos, Robert Gallegos, Anita Gallegos, and Sophy Gallegos, and along the extension thereof to the intersection of said line with a line drawn parallel with the northeasterly line of County Road No. 2518, commonly known as Mill Creek Road, and distant northeasterly 200 feet measured at right angles thereto; thence northwesterly and westerly along said line and along a line at all points distant northeasterly 200 feet from the northeasterly line of County Road No. 2518 measured at right angles thereto, and along the direct extension westerly thereof to the intersection of said direct extension with the northerly line of Lot 16 as shown on the aforementioned "Map of a Portion of the Property of the Palmdale Company, Washington Township, Alameda County, California"; thence westerly along the northerly line of Lot 16 to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 16; thence southerly along the westerly line of Lot 16 to the intersection of said westerly line with the direct

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extension easterly of the northerly line of Lot 20; thence westerly along said easterly extension and along said northerly line of Lot 20 to the easterly line of Lot 31; thence northerly along said easterly line of Lot 31 to the northeasterly corner of said Lot 31; thence westerly along said northerly line of Lot 31 and along the northerly line of Lot 32 to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 32; thence southerly along the westerly line of Lot 32 to the intersection of said line with the northerly line of Lot 33; thence westerly along said northerly line of Lot 33 and along the northerly line of Lot 34 to the most northerly corner of Lot 34; thence southerly along the westerly line of said Lot 34, and the extension southerly of last said line to the southerly line of Olive Avenue as shown on the last aforesaid map; thence westerly along said southerly line of Olive Avenut to the point of beginning.

4. That the total assessed valuation of the territory hereinabove described as shown by the last equalized assessment roll of the County of Alameda, is the sum of $268,700.

5. That the undersigned petitioners constitute at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of the freeholders residing in the hereinabove described territory proposed to be annexed to said Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County, as shown by the last equalized assessment roll of the County of Alameda;

6. That Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division VI of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California provides for the annexation to a sanitary district of territory contiguous thereto and in the same county when authorized by the duly qualified voters at an annexation election;

WHEREFORE, the undersigned petitioners ask that said hereinabove described territory be annexed to the Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County by election under the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division VI of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

NAME OF FREEHOLDER

E. J. Callahan, per J. C. Mathew Silva
Frank E. Dias
A. J. Marshall
T. A. Souza
W. J. Fernandez
Frank S. Vargas
E. Frei
Lawrence Mello
Olive Hyde
Florence Madeiros
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Manuel W. Andrade
Larry Medeiros
Al. Schneider
St. Mary of the Palms
Joseph J. Dutra
Joseph Silva
St. Joseph's Church
Thos. J. Berge
Wilhelmine M. Berge
Cyrus A. Solon
Maria G. Goularte
Ann Mayock
Mrs. Rose Rogers
Harold Millard
Rudolph Monte
Jose Feleciano
J. A. Semas
Lawrence Rogers
Jennie Semas
Robert Thompson
Joe A. Reis
John Reis
Josephine Fernandez
Sarah Boggini
Joe F. Maderios
Octavia Young
Rose L. Telles
Manuel T. Brown
Ed Azevedo
Joseph L. Souza
Manuel R. Phillips
Antone J. Abreu
Mary A. Brown
Joseph R. Garcia
B. F. McIvor
George J. Rodrigues
William Lawrence
Mary C. Silva
Hortense Cunha
Thomas F. Cunha
Hortense Andrade
Antone Santos Jr.
Mary A. Steinmetz
Abbie Sunderer
Anthony M. Silva
Rose Recend
John D. Amaral
Andy J. Hynes
Tony F. Pereira
Rose C. Whiteside
Roscoe R. Whiteside
Florence Hyde
Anna May Campagna
Joe D. Ferreira

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, SS.

Cyrus A. Solon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is and was at all times herein mentioned one of the petitioners whose name is signed to the foregoing petition and a freeholder residing in the territory, described in the foregoing petition, proposed to be annexed to Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County, California, under the provisions of Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division VI of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge and that each and all of the signers of said petition are, and at the date of signing of the same by them respectively were, and ever since have been, freeholders residing in said territory proposed to be annexed to said Irvington Sanitary District of Alameda County, California.

CYRUS A. SOLON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1946.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

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R. J. WRIGHT,

SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

All schools in the township will close Friday, Dec. 20, with appropriate Christmas programs and will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 6, 1947, for the regular holiday vacation. It was also announced this week that the adult night classes will not convene during the school vacation.

Read Register Want Ads

LEGAL NOTICE

DECOTO SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the electors of Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California, that in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code of the State of California governing such elections, an election has been called to be held and the same will be held, at the place hereinafter designated in said Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California, on Friday, the 10th day of January, A.D., 1947, from the hour of twelve (12) o'clock Noon of said day until the hour of six (6) o'clock P.M. of said day, during which period of time the polls will be kept continuously open, at which time and place there will be submitted to the electors of said Decoto School District of Alameda County the question whether or not the bonds of said school district shall be issued and sold to the amount of Seventy-two Thousand Dollars ($72,000.00), bearing interest and payable as hereinafter specified, for the purpose of raising money for:

The purchasing of school lots.
The building or purchasing of school buildings.
The making of alterations or additions to the school building or buildings other than such as may be necessary for current maintenance, operation or repairs.
The supplying of school buildings with furniture or necessary apparatus of a permanent nature.
The permanent improvement of the school grounds.

All of the foregoing purposes for which bonds are hereby proposed to be issued and sold are hereby united and shall be voted upon as one single proposition.

The said bonds hereby proposed to be issued and sold will be of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) each and will bear interest at the rate of not to exceed four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, which interest shall be payable annually for the first year said bonds are to run and semi-annually thereafter.

The said proposed bonds and the interest thereon will be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

The said proposed bonds are to be numbered consecutively from one (1) to and including seventy-two (72).

The said proposed bonds are to be issued and sold to the amount of Seventy-two Thousand Dollars ($72,000.00) and are to mature as follows, to-wit:

Three (3) of said bonds shall mature in each of the years from and including 1951 to and including 1958, and four (4) of said bonds shall mature in each of the years from and including 1959 to and including 1970.

The principal and interest on said bonds will be made payable at the office of the Treasurer of the County of Alameda, State of California.

For the purpose of said election the said Decoto School District of Alameda County is hereby designated and established by said Board of Trustees of Decoto School District of Alameda County as one election precinct, the boundaries of said school district being the boundaries of said election precinct, and coterminous therewith.

The polling place hereinafter mentioned is hereby designated and selected by the Board of Trustees of Decoto School District of Alameda County as the place within said Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California, where such election must and will be held.

The following named persons named as Inspector and Judges of said election are hereby appointed by the Board of Trustees of Decoto School District of Alameda County to act as such officers of said election, and as such will conduct the same, each of said persons being a qualified elector of said Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California.

The following is a description of the polling place and a list of the officers of said election above referred to and mentioned:

Polling Place

The auditorium of the Decoto School Building located in the block bounded by G, H, Sixth and Eighth Streets in the unincorporated Town of Decoto, in Alameda County, State of California.

Officers of Said Election

Inspector, Mrs. Emma S. Amaral.
Judges, Mrs. Genevieve Smith and Mrs. Marion Zwissig.

The said election is to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code of the State of California, governing such elections.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands this 6th day of December, 1946.

M. WHITE
H. A. SEARLES
WILLIAM S. DAVIS
as and comprising all of the members of the Board of Trustees of Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California.

ATTEST:
M. WHITE
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Decoto School District of Alameda County, State of California.

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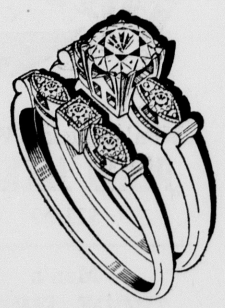

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Christmas

Christmas is a spirit. And if man allowed the spirit of Christmas—the spirit of the Prince of Peace—to guide them in their daily lives most of the cares of this old world would vanish very quickly.

The Man of Galilee—the man whose birth we celebrate at this season—gave to the world the key to happiness and success in his simple, but profound ad monitions on human conduct.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them likewise."

The observance of Christmas should include the contemplation of these great utterances and of his other teachings. Certainly this season should include something more than the social whirl of parties and the frenzied rush of gift-giving and gift getting.

This is not to say that the symbols of Christmas should be eliminated. Far from it! What would this season be without the goodfellowship which usually attends it, without the Christmas trees and the bright lights that adorn them, without the equally brightly-lighted eyes of youngsters as they await the arrival of that fabulous old gentleman with the snowy beard and the dashing reindeer? Well, it just wouldn't be Christmas.

But the point we wish to make is that the spirit of Christmas should not be lost in its symbols.

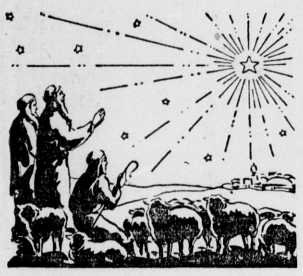
Let us not only celebrate Christmas but let's live it—let its spirit govern our lives. In so doing we shall help to establish greater tolerance and understanding among men and give to the world those imperishable gifts of peace and happiness.

Then the cry of "Merry Christmas!" will have a deeper, richer meaning to men than ever before.

Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion.

Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.



Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately

". . . stood over where the young Child was," St. Matthew 2:9.

Used As Good Luck Charm

Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck in Sweden to prevent sickness.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES

A Christmas party for all the company employees of the Pacific States Steel Company at Niles will be held in the offices of the plant on Tuesday, Dec. 24, beginning at 12 noon.

The program, arranged by Misses Evangeline Stephenson and Mary Young, includes a buffet luncheon, dancing and games with prizes to be awarded. It is expected that 125 employees and their guests will attend.

The plant will not reopen for production for a week or ten days after closing Dec. 24, to allow for the annual repair and maintenance checkup.

HER Quiet CHRISTMAS

KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrow household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.

Bill did not neglect his privilege.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation — and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back—with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib: the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit: the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

DUST HAS LONG TRIP

Dust from the Chicago fire in 1871 was blown to the Azores.

SCHOOL PAGEANT AT WARM SPRINGS

A Christmas pageant entitled "The Toys That Had to Wait," will be presented tonight in the auditorium of the Warm Springs Elementary School with all the students participating in the performance.

The public is invited to attend the pageant which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Rea, primary teacher, is directing the pageant and music will be furnished by the school orchestra under the direction of of Bernard Calery. Highlight of the evening's entertainment will be the appearance of Santa Claus who will pass out candy and gifts for the kiddies.

Mothers in the community have been busy all week preparing elaborate costumes for the affair.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY AT NILES TONIGHT

Children of the Niles Congregational Church Sunday School will be treated to a Christmas party tonight (Friday) in the social rooms of the church by members of the Sanford Circle. The party will get underway at 7:30 o'clock, and in addition to the treats and singing, some of the children will take part in recitations.

Parents, as well as the children, are invited to attend.

APRICOT HARVEST

In 1945, 177,000 tons of California apricots were harvested and valued at $20,036,000.

SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

Parents and friends of the students of the Centerville Elementary School were guests yesterday at an art exhibit prepared by the students. Each pupil had some work of art on display throughout the building.

Light refreshments of tea and cookies, furnished by the P.T.A., were served by the girls of the upper grades of the school.

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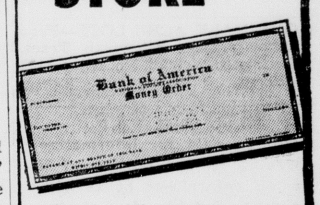

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NEW BASEBALL FIELD

Work was begun this week on the construction of a new baseball field at the Irvington Elementary School.

It was necessary to change the site of the diamond to make room for the erection of the temporary classrooms, cafeteria and recreation buildings. Gus Robertson, school principal, reported this week that when completed the field will be 350 feet from home plate to the left field fence and more than 300 feet to the right field boundary.

NEW SCOUTMASTER

James George has been named Scoutmaster for the Centerville troop to succeed Walter Texara, who recently resigned that position.

George previously served as assistant scoutmaster. Robert Lewis, former junior assistant scoutmaster, will assume the position formerly held by George.

CLARENCE GRAHAM ON DERAILED STREAMLINER

Clarence Graham of the James Graham Manufacturing Company returned last week from a trip to Cincinnati, arriving home on the Streamliner that was derailed near Ogden. No one was seriously injured.

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Miss Gail Stefans played several piano selections. Merle and Delbert Piexotte and Gerald Harvey sang the famous Christmas carol, "The Night Before Christfas"; Miss Carol Ann Rose danced a gypsy ballet.

Following the musical entertainment, short movies were shown to the group.

Committee for the evening festivities was comprised of Adeline Harvey, chairman; Irene Harvey, Mrs. Leal and Minnie Silva; entertainment, Mabel Enos.

USE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS IS URGED

"Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis"—that is the plea of the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association, according to Mrs. Stanley Moore, treasurer for the 1946 Christmas Seal Sale.

"It isn't to late," stated Mrs. Moore, "to join in the fight to prevent tuberculosis by buying Christmas Seals. Use them on your holiday mail and packages.

"All but five per cent of the money raised through the sale of Christmas Seals is spent within the state," said Mrs. Moore. "The other five per cent is forwarded to the National Tuberculosis Association which carries on a year around program in health education throughout the nation. The local association benefits from the experience and advice of the national association."

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NEWARK CHAMBER DISCUSSES NEW ZONING PLANS

More than 30 members of the Newark Chamber of Commerce, present at Tuesday's meeting, heard Roland Campbell, consultant planner, and a representative of County Surveyor Wallace Bogg's office, outline details for the proposed zoning of that community.

Also present at the meeting to assist in the new zoning project was R. J. Wright of Irvington, a member of the Alameda County Planning Commission.

R. A. Jolly, president of the Chamber, who presided over Tuesday's meeting, announced that a committee will be appointed from the membership to meet with the planners early in January to definitely outline the procedure to be followed.

Boggs, county surveyor, has informed the Chamber that he will attend the Jan. 21 meeting to lead a discussion and consult with the committee on the proposed establishment of a Newark Drainage District. The committee recently appointed by Jolly to study plans for the district will report to the membership at the meeting. Committee members include Ray Albert, Al Pashote and Fred Melhase.

A committee will also be named before the next meeting to outline a booster publicity campaign for the community of Newark in a drive to bring in additional residents and business houses.

A nominating committee for officers to serve during 1947 was appointed at this week's meeting and President Jolly stated that the annual election would be held during the Jan. 21 meeting. Named to the committee were: R. A. Jolly, A. W. Cotten, Frank Veit, H. J. Bolyard, J. R. Truscott, H. E. Lewis and R. A. Alberts.

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NILES ELECTRIC PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES

A dinner party for their employees was given last night at the International Kitchen by Mr. and Mrs. John Brahmst, owners of the Niles Electric Company. Those present included Bill Rogers and his mother; Mr. and Mrs. John Cattaneo, Buddy Alves, Lloyd Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conniff, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fracolli, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews.

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Barbara Stanwyck - Van Heflin
THE STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS
—and—
Tom Neal - Margaret Lindsay
CLUB HAVANA
Cartoon and News

TUES., WED. & THURS.
Elizabeth Taylor- Frank Morgan
COURAGE OF LASSIE
—and—
Charles Starrett
Rustlers of the Badlands
CARTOON - SHORT SUBJECTS

ORIENT CHAPTER TO INSTALL THIS SATURDAY

The annual installation ceremonies of Orient Chapter, O.E.S., will take place Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Masonic Hall, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vervais going in as worthy matron and patron.

The installing officer will be Willa Jane Hellwig, past grand matron of the State of California O.E.S. She will be assisted by installing marshal Marguerite Cadero; honorary marshal, Anna Bradford; installing chaplain, Bain Leask; and installing organist, Irene Kibby.

Three Niles Girl Scouts will also participate in the ceremony. Joan Vervais will be the flag-bearer, and Donna Moore and Claire Fereira will be flag escorts.

Lucy Katzer will be hostess for the evening with her husband, Frank, acting as host.

Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado was created in 1915.

YULE PARTY FOR CHILDREN AT CENTERVILLE

The students of Centerville Elementary School are looking forward to the annual Christmas party to be given by the P.T.A. on Friday afternoon, December 20, at 1 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

There will be a special program of magic, and Santa Claus will present gifts to every student.

Pre-school children and parents are cordially invited to attend.

The school will close today (Friday) for Christmas vacation, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 6, 1947.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

In keeping with an annual custom fast establishing a tradition with Central Bank, shoppers in downtown Oakland will be treated to Yuletide songs at noon time beginning Wednesday, December 18, and continuing until Christmas.

The altitude of Yerba Buena Island in the bay is 343 feet.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
"Your" Hairdresser
Make Your Appointment Now For Your Permanent Waves
S&H GREEN STAMPS GIVEN
NEXT DOOR TO SUNRISE BAKERY
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BATTERIES & ACCESSORIES — RELIABLE LUBRICATION
POPULAR SIZES OF KODAK FILM
WE GIVE S & H GREEN STAMPS

Warm and Bright Holiday Nights

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON will see the fuller realization of that wartime song-sentiment "when the lights come on again."

For here in California, gay and festive lighting is generously used as holiday trimming in the home. Light dramatically brings out the color and sparkle of decorations. Light pays fitting compliment to fine linen and silver and tempting foods when families gather for holiday dinners.

We like comforting warmth indoors, too, even though we seldom see a White Christmas outside with footprints in the snow.

Yes, Christmas in California is colorful, bright and warm—with flowers and boughs of red berries in house and garden—with light and heat in abundance at the flick of a switch. And to many of us such things are among the finest gifts of the season.

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

REG'LAR FELLERS By Gene Byrnes

RUN DOWN TO THE FISH MARKET AND GET ME SOME FISH, PINHEAD-- ANY KIND · SO I WON'T HAVE TO GO HOME EMPTY HANDED!
SURE, POPPA!
FISH DEPT.
I SAID THAT'S ALL WE'VE GOT— TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
OKAY, SIMON LEGREE-- I'LL TAKE 'EM ALL!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT I CAUGHT--TH' BOY IS CARRYING 'EM —YOU KNOW HOW KIDS LOVE TO SHOW THINGS OFF!
SPLENDID!
FROZEN FILLETS OF MACKEREL— HAW HAW HAW!

MERRY MERRY
Christmas

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MAY TRUE
HAPPINESS
IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS
BE YOURS THIS
CHRISTMASTIME

JOLLY PHARMACY
NEWARK

Old Fashioned
Christmas Greetings
1946

For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

NILES GARDEN BASKET
Joe Boliba, Prop.
NILES

MAKE GOOD CHEER FOR
Christmas

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends a very Merry Christmas

WALTON DRUG COMPANY
"Prescriptions Our Specialty"
CENTERVILLE

The Meaning of Christmas

Although the Christmas card custom is only a little over one hundred years old, the symbols we find on the cards each year are rich in traditions as old Christmas itself.....

Holly. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, ENGLISH MAIDENS ADORNED THEIR BEDS WITH HOLLY TO KEEP GOBLINS AWAY. AND SINCE BEES WERE SAID TO HUM CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS TIME, CHILDREN PLACED HOLLY ON THE HIVES TO WISH THE BEES A "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

MISTLETOE.... IN NORTHERN COUNTRIES, IF ENEMIES MET BENEATH MISTLETOE IN THE FOREST THEY LAID DOWN ARMS AND CALLED A DAY'S TRUCE. LATER, MISTLETOE WAS HUNG OVER DOORWAYS AT CHRISTMAS, PLEDGING THOSE WHO ENTERED TO KEEP FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE

CANDLES..... AT CHRISTMAS, ENGLISH FARMERS USED TO LIGHT CANDLES AND PRAY GOD TO BLESS THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FIELDS AND THEIR LIVESTOCK. AND CANDLE-MAKERS PRESENTED THEIR CUSTOMERS WITH FREE CANDLES, BY WAY OF WISHING THEM A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

CAROLS..... ORIGINALLY A CAROL WAS A DANCE AND, LATER A DRINKING SONG. IN ENGLAND, WANDERING MUSICIANS BEGAN THE CUSTOM OF SINGING CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS BY GOING FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND, IN SONG, WISHING FOLKS HOLIDAY CHEER, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

BELLS..... IN EUROPE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE DEVIL DIED WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN; SO FOR AN HOUR BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE BELLS WOULD TOLL THE DEVIL'S DEATH KNELL. AT MIDNIGHT IT CHANGED TO A JOYOUS PEAL, THE BELLS RINGING OUT A "JOYFUL, MERRY CHRISTMAS"

AND SO THE CHRISTMAS CARDS WE SEND ARE MORE THAN GREETINGS---THEY ARE AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP, A BLESSING, A WISH THAT OTHERS MAY SHARE WITH US THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE..... THEY ARE OUR WAY OF PERPETUATING THE SPIRIT WHICH CHRISTMAS REPRESENTS.

Merry
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed
a glow unknown
at any other time
of the year.
The same lights,
after Christmas,
have lost their charm,
so, you see
it is really the
Christmas spirit
that lights our homes!
We wish you
every happiness
this Christmas season
of 1946.

R. J. WRIGHT
Insurance & Real Estate
IRVINGTON

Merry
Christmas

SINCERE
GOOD WISHES
for a delightful
holiday season
from the store
that friendship
built.

JOE ADAMS
Ford Dealer
CENTERVILLE

Merry Christmas Folks

☆

The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

D. R. REES
Pharmacist
NILES

JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas
TO YOU

COLUMBIA GRILL
NILES

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

Glad thoughts
And special wishes
Are happily combined
To make this
Christmas Greeting
The warmest kind.

DUARTE'S FOOD STORE
—and—
NEW CITY MARKET

JOYOUS
YULETIDE

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Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

CHAPEL OF THE PALMS
Dallas C. Paul
CENTERVILLE

LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

'Tho Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES FOR ORIENT CHAPTER

Installation ceremonies of the Orient Chapter, Eastern Star, will take place Saturday, December 21, at the Masonic Hall in Centerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vervais will be installed as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, succeeding Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams.

Read Register Want Ads

Joy to the World

Christmas

1946

● Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

● It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

CENTRAL CHEVROLET COMPANY

Phone Centerville 66

CENTERVILLE

It is good to know that Christmas is here again . . . good to celebrate it, as in the past, with so many fine people with whom we are happy to be associated in this community, and to whom we now send

Our Most Hearty CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

NILES ELECTRIC COMPANY

Electrical Contractors

NILES

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Candles shaped like pine trees can be made to include the smell of pine in the candle wax.

Lilies or other flowers may be molded while the wax is still warm.

Snowball candles are left to give frosted effect.

In making a cottage candle the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.

Big oversized jumbo candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the house.

● It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details:

● If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.

● If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.

● Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.

● Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.

● At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.

● If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.

● A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.

● A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.

● A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.

● A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

THREE YULE 'FIRSTS'

Claims to being "firsts" among Christmas cards are held by these early designs.

"Which came first?" and "who thought of it first?" are the two questions asked since time immemorial. These questions have baffled historians, challenged detectives, caused law students to burn the midnight oil — but most of all—have intrigued the public. For the last few years there's been a big to-do about the "first" Christmas card and the subject has fascinated many greeting card collectors, art dealers, museum curators and a sizable portion of the American and British public.

The earliest Christmas card on record, in the light of recent findings, appears to be that of W. M. Egley, dated 1842. Discovered in a mass of skating prints by the British museum, it is indisputedly a Christmas card and seems to have been produced for general use. It resembles the early New Year's cards of German origin with its various scenes enclosed in a half-gothic, half-rustic trelliswork and it depicts the Christmas pantomine "Harlequin and Columbine," a puppet booth, skaters and other scenes relating to the holiday season. Its sentiment reads "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to You."

Until the Egley card was discovered, the first known Christmas card was, for years, thought to have been the one designed by J. C. Horsley RA for Sir Henry Cole in London in 1846 who wanted a card to send to his friends at Christmas. Horsley's card was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick court and a thousand copies struck off. These were colored by hand and featured among other scenes a merry family group holding filled wine glasses aloft.

An eminent American authority on greeting cards and a relentless collector of early creations, E. D. Chase of Boston claims that he has found what he believes to be the "first" Christmas card—but until some scientific corroboration is forthcoming we must consider his discovery a "dark horse" in the running. That it is a very "early" card — there can be no question. Our collector traced R. H. Pease, the lithographer whose name appears at the bottom of the card, down to the year 1839 where the latter was listed in the Albany, N. Y., directory as an engraver. The thing, however, that stumps the experts is the fact that there is no date on the card itself.

SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES . . . It's zero hour as children everywhere get their Christmas scout cars and tanks for an all-out assault. It is the first time for several years that rubber tires have been included with toys of these types.

MERRY Christmas

Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

HENRY MILLER CLEANING SERVICE

and THE NILES CLEANERS

Centerville 183 Niles 4486

Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

● Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill.

Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

NILES MARKET

The Red & White Store

F.Duarte J. Avilla

NILES

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

● THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WALTER CONNOLLY'S

Appliances and Home Furnishings

IRVINGTON

How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

CHARLIE — GEORGE — BILL — BERTHA

CENTERVILLE FOOD MARKET

CENTERVILLE

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NILES TAXI SERVICE

A. S. Costa

NILES

ON Christmas Eve, Nancy hurried breathlessly into her rooming house. Surely the package from home would be there! But Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The mailman went right by this afternoon."

Up in her room Nancy spent a lonesome Christmas Eve. She read awhile to forget her hunger, then went to bed. Next morning it was the destitute Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!" she shouted, walking into the room uninvited. Nancy was irritated, momentarily, by this highly painted, shallow creature. But she quickly regained her composure. It was Christmas, after all!

"It was swell of you, dearie, to pay Mrs. Groggins a week's rent in advance last night," Mrs. Wilson said, settling herself into the most comfortable chair. "I don't know what would have happened, because I'm caught a bit short just now and couldn't pay!"

Nancy thought fast.

Nancy said it was all right, that she had been glad to do it, but then she felt hungry and remembered there had been no dinner—and now no breakfast. All because of Mrs. Wilson!

"I was just about to drop out for a bite to eat," her visitor explained, "and seeing you're all alone, I thought you might like to come along."

Nancy remembered the lone 25-cent piece in her purse. "Thank you so kindly, Mrs. Wilson," she answered quickly. "But I'm—I'm not feeling so well this morning. I'll just have a cup of coffee in my room!"

About noon she dressed, for Jim was calling for her at one o'clock. What a ravenous appetite she would have.

But one o'clock passed, and no Jim. Nor at 2 or 3, and Nancy's spirits began to give way. Had he, too, chosen to punish her on Christmas?

Downstairs she heard Mr. and Mrs. Groggins welcoming their guests for the day, and she took a vicarious pleasure from it. She heard the dinner bell, the clatter of dishes as they dined, and then the shuffling of chairs as the well-fed guests retired to the living room. By that time it was five o'clock and Nancy sat by her window, figuratively biting her fingernails. She was almost hysterical with fear, and she began to worry.

At six o'clock she put on her coat and dashed down the stairs, headed she knew not where. Perhaps to find Jim, perhaps merely to escape her room. She reached the entrance, turned the knob and pulled open the door—and there was Jim, just arriving!

Tearfully she threw herself into his arms, shivering from fright. "Oh, Jim!" she cried. "Where have you been?"

"But didn't you get my message?" he asked. "I had to work in the laboratory this afternoon, and telephoned Mrs. Groggins at 12:30!" His brow was furrowed.

Just then there was a voice behind them. "Miss Bell!" It was Mrs. Groggins. "A message for you. It came just before dinner, but then our guests arrived and I didn't get around to bringing it up."

Nancy took the slip from her hand, wiping away a tear. She heard Jim cursing.

"Let's get out of here, honey," he said, quietly.

A short time later they were dining by candlelight while a string ensemble played soft Christmas music in the background. Jim looked up from his coffee and smiled, then reached into his pocket.

"There was a big package on your desk at the office," he said. "It came today. From your folks, I guess. Too big to carry with me, but maybe this will take its place."

He reached for her left hand, then for the second finger, and at its tip he poised a diamond ring. Then he looked at her, asking assent.

"Yes, darling," she said softly. "It's the merriest Christmas ever!"

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

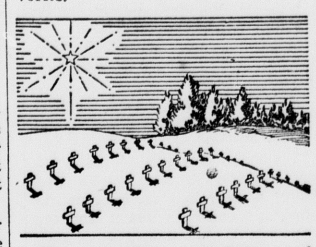
Gives Strength to Wrestler

In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY

A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say "White Christmas" has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . . The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

The time draws near the birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
From far and near, on mead and moor,
Swell out and fail, as if a door
Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good-will, good-will and peace,
Peace and good-will, to all mankind.
—Tennyson.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

by the

THOUSAND

we send to all our friends this Yule Season of 1946. May yours be indeed a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

P. C. HANSEN LUMBER CO.

NILES and CENTERVILLE

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

FAITH . . . *faith in our homes and community . . . faith in the future . . . faith in men of good will, eternally — this is the essence of the Christmas season.*

CHRISTMAS *should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.*

★ ★ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU ★ ★

Wes Wanda Harry

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NEWARK

Nothing but the BEST

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For delivery to your home, Phone Centerville 103

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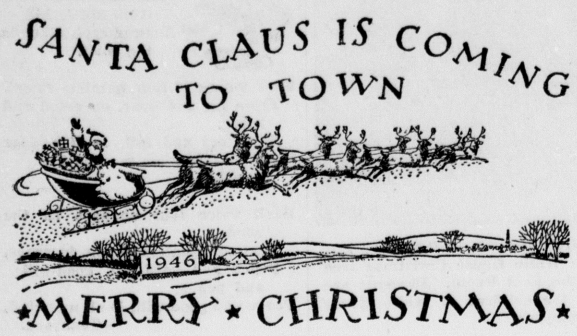
GET YOUR CHRISTMAS ORDERS IN EARLY!

We have plenty of Whipping Cream and Ice Cream for Christmas



A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CORP.
NILES and DECOTO

● It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all!

AMERICAN GARAGE
NILES

MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

KIRKISH STORE
CENTERVILLE

Day Days of

MARY CRANE emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day!"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done.

"I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way."

After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep. . . .

* * *

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time.

"All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

Kind remembrances at Christmastime.

May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

CHAPMAN & GOODWIN
Accountants
CENTERVILLE

Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

THE ELLSWORTH COMPANY
Real Estate
NILES

The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day.

It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

DE LUXE BARBER SHOP
NILES

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? ———
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man? ———
3. Where is Christmas island? ———
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"? ———
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness? ———
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom? ———
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end? ———
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl? ———
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time? ———
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve? ———
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"? ———
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried? ———

Answers

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—

"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one — that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess.

Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney.

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed.

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

Real St. Nicholas Of 4th Century

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowerless maidens with three purses of gold.

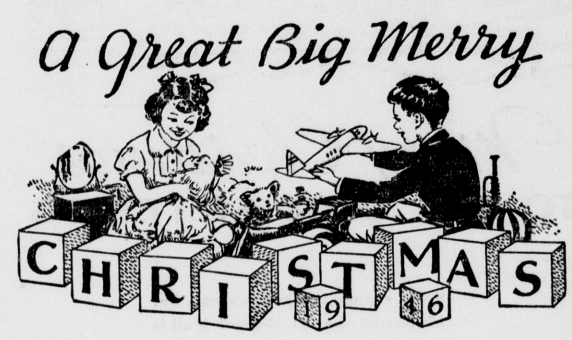
Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicaea. In 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.

The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

THE INTERNATIONAL KITCHEN



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The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

COZZI VARIETY STORE
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Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

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Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

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